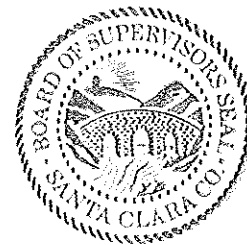


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HNVF Leadership Committee
City of San Jose - City Hall
200 E. Santa Clara Street, 18th Floor
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Dear Mayor Reed, Vice Mayor Chirco, Councilmember Campos and Committee Members Crumley and Romero-Thomas:

I understand the HNMF Leadership Committee will convene this evening to consider funding recommendations for the upcoming fiscal year. I recognize that there is a seldom a year wherein we have enough funds to grant to all of the organizations interested in serving the community and qualified to do so. That said, and given the particular economic dire straits we are facing at every level of government, I urge the city to approve an allocation proposal that does not promote devastating cuts to a segment of providers whilst other providers receive 200-300% more than they have in previous years. I am particularly concerned that California Community Partners for Youth, an organization I have watched personally since my time on the East Side Union High School District, is poised to not receive any funding despite several years of a solid track record of performance. I have worked closely with this organization and they are doing transformational things with youth from San Jose's east side. Their past performance is documented through city staff's evaluations and site visits, participating youth and parent survey results, independent evaluators' ratings and return on investment in terms of units of services provided.

Having served on the CDBG steering committee for the City of San Jose and as current chair of the Children, Seniors and Families committee for the County of Santa Clara (wherein we make funding recommendations for CBOs in excess of \$4 million), I know firsthand that not everyone will be satisfied. However recognizing the difficult budget we're facing, the Board of Supervisors is poised to approve a CBO funding plan wherein every CBO is funded but at a lower level. We consider doing this because we acknowledge that this is not the time to implement any new system that may result in crippling a CBO. Particularly one such as CCPY, which has spent its HNMF funds wisely and productively.

I strongly urge you to reconsider the proposed funding plan. If you have questions on this or any matter, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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County Supervisor – Third District

cc: San Jose City Council, City Manager Deb Figone, Deputy City Manager Norberto Duenas,
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